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St. Louis Post-Dispatch – West Lake cleanup hurt by weakening Superfund program, group says – 12/9/15 - A longtime environmental activist is calling for renewed attention to the country's 35-year-old toxic cleanup program, saying its neglect has caused years of inaction at the West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton. http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/west-lake-cleanup-hurt-by-weakening-superfund-program-group-says/article_2104b21b-ba37-5998-9aea-2a958417aa6f.html

Dexter (Mo.) Daily Statesman – EPA Reverses Decision on Crop Dusting Spray – 12/9/15 - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is backpedaling its approval of a herbicide containing the same chemicals that allegedly sickened three people in the spring of 2015 near Wappapello, Mo. <http://www.dailystatesman.com/story/2257412.html>

Greenwire – NEWSMAKER: Key player in EPA climate push takes charge at law institute – 12/8/15 - Scott Fulton took a bus trip through China five years ago with his U.S. EPA colleagues. Then EPA's general counsel, Fulton had asked to be dropped off to attend a meeting at a university, which greeted the bus with a life-sized poster of Fulton. <http://www.eenews.net/stories/1060029071>

The News-Leader, Springfield, Mo. – (GUEST OPINION) Long: The American energy sector is stronger and more responsible than advertised – 12/8/15 - Early this month, President Obama joined other world leaders for an environmental conference in Paris, where they engaged in energy policy talks aimed at lowering global greenhouse gas emissions. <http://www.news-leader.com/story/opinion/contributors/2015/12/08/long-american-energy-sector-stronger-responsible-advertised/77005346/>

St. Louis American – More contaminated properties near Coldwater Creek, public meeting on Wednesday – 12/8/15 - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers found radioactive waste contamination in seven more properties near Coldwater Creek, said Corps representatives at a press conference on Monday. Coldwater Creek runs throughout North St. Louis County and is a tributary for the Missouri River. http://www.stlamerican.com/news/local_news/article_0c06495c-9dd7-11e5-bc30-c7935ad0f69a.html

A New Domain – Oklahoma, Earthquakes and Fracking: Why you should care – 12/8/15 - In this buckle of the Bible Belt, earthquakes are not Acts of God. And they seem to be multiplying. In the last seven years, there have been 5,000 earthquakes in the state of Oklahoma. That's new. <http://anewdomain.net/2015/12/08/oklahoma-earthquakes-contaminated-water-fracking-connection/>

Headlines and Global News – Uranium in Drinking Water Endangering Residents in Western U.S. – 12/9/15 - Increasing levels of uranium are contaminating the drinking water in the West. Reporters have investigated the situation in Central Valley in California as well as the Central Plains, discovering that not much has been done to let the public know about the health risk, the [Associated Press reported](http://www.hnqn.com/articles/158469/20151209/uranium-drinking-water-endangering-residents-western-u-s.htm). <http://www.hnqn.com/articles/158469/20151209/uranium-drinking-water-endangering-residents-western-u-s.htm>

NET (Nebraska Public Broadcasting) – Rest of the World Perplexed that Climate Debate Continues in the U.S. – 12/8/15 - At the U.N. climate summit in Paris, the U.S. has a big footprint. Cabinet officials scurry from meeting to meeting, trying to get a binding deal that would help some 200 countries slow the planet's warming. Yet in some ways, the United States is an outlier. <http://www.netnebraska.org/node/1003035>

AgriNews – Lawmakers, farmers disappointed by EPA’s volume obligation levels for renewable fuels – 12/8/15 - Iowa lawmakers and farm leaders are disappointed by the EPA's final Renewable Fuel Standard volume obligation levels for 2014, 2015 and 2016.

http://www.agrinews.com/news/iowa_news/lawmakers-farmers-disappointed-by-epa-s-volume-obligation-levels-for/article_48dca24e-d08f-507b-8cd4-72b31919992b.html

Watchdog.org – New EPA mandate hurts poor without reducing emissions – 12/8/15 - As global leaders met in Paris at the Climate Change Conference to discuss the challenges of global warming, the Environmental Protection Agency released new requirements for the Renewable Fuel Standard, for 2014 to 2016. The agency requires that 18.11 billion gallons of renewable fuel be mixed with America's gas supply. <http://watchdog.org/250678/new-epa-mandate-hurts-poor-without-reducing-emissions/>

Water Technology Online – Smarter hydraulic fracturing for better water management – 12/8/15 - To the crew of the International Space Station 220 miles above Earth, it looks like the U.S. has added a mammoth new city aglow at night near the Canadian border. Yet just six years ago, this area several hundred miles west of the Great Lakes was virtually dark. How could this be?

<http://www.watertechonline.com/smarter-hydraulic-fracturing-for-better-water-management/>

Memphis (Mo.) Democrat – USDA Talks Funding Options With City Council For Wastewater System Overhaul – 12/8/15 - With looming changes in the Missouri Department of Natural Resource's (DNR) permitting process for municipal wastewater treatment systems, the Memphis City Council met Thursday with a representative of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to discuss funding options for public works. <http://www.memphisdemocrat.com/usda-talks-funding-options-with-city-council-for-wastewater-system-overhaul/>

Sedalia (Mo.) Democrat – Sewer relief project nears completion – 12/8/15 - The Sedalia City Council heard another quarterly update Monday night on the ongoing sewer relief project from Olsson Associates, and representatives said they hoped the next quarter's report would be that construction is complete. <http://sedaliademocrat.com/news/6962/sewer-relief-project-nears-completion>

Fort Madison (Iowa) Daily Democrat – Donnellson Completes Upgrade to Sewage Treatment Plant – 12/8/15 - The engineering firm of French-Reneker-Associates, Inc. of Fairfield, working with the City of Donnellson, has completed a project to upgrade the City's sewage treatment plant to meet Iowa Department of Natural Resources Standards. http://www.dailydem.com/news/article_0c28f8ae-9dcc-11e5-8833-fba86eba1f95.html

Farmers Advance – USDA launches new conservation effort to aid monarch butterflies – 12/8/15 - U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced Nov. 12 a new conservation effort to help agricultural producers provide food and habitat for monarch butterflies in the Midwest and southern Great Plains. This targeted 10-state effort by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will invest \$4 million in 2016 to help combat the iconic species' decline. <http://www.farmersadvance.com/story/news/2015/12/08/usda-launches-new-conservation-effort-to-aid-monarch-butterflies/76976764/>

Des Moines Register – Baaken pipeline hearing ends; decision awaited – 12/8/15 – The Iowa Utilities Board has wrapped up proceedings on a state permit to construct a crude oil pipeline through 18 Iowa counties, although a final decision isn't expected until early February. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/politics/2015/12/08/bakken-pipeline-hearing-ends-decision-awaited/77007770/?from=global&sessionKey=&autologin=>

KIWA Radio, Sheldon, Iowa – DNR to hold Baaken public meeting – 12/8/15 - The Iowa Department of Natural Resources has scheduled a public meeting for December 16th to discuss the request of Dakota Access for a permit to cross public land so the company can build its Baaken oil pipeline. That's the

pipeline that would pass through portions of Lyon, Sioux and O'Brien counties here in northwest Iowa.
<http://kiwaradio.com/local-news/dnr-to-hold-baaken-public-meeting/>

KCRG Channel 9, Cedar Rapids, Iowa – Company details asbestos removal process following DNR report – 12/8/15 - The Cedar Rapids Community School District and the company the district hired to remove asbestos could face some trouble after a new report came out.
<http://www.kcrg.com/content/news/Company-details-asbestos-removal-process-following-DNR-report-361167841.html>

KGAN Channel 2, Cedar Rapids, Iowa – Possible asbestos exposure at CR Wash. – 12/8/15 - A state report says some students and staff may have been exposed to asbestos during renovations at Washington High School in Cedar Rapids last school year. <http://www.cbs2iowa.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/Possible-Asbestos-Exposure-at-CR-Wash--240123.shtml>

Iowa Public Radio – India to U.S.: Cut back on your consumption – 12/9/15 - Climate negotiators in Paris are wrangling over "country commitments," "caps" and "cuts" in greenhouse gases. Some environmentalists, however, argue that the most important "c" word is missing: consumption. In India, they say little will change unless fossil-fuel-reliant rich countries moderate how they consume energy.
<http://iowapublicradio.org/post/india-us-cut-back-your-consumption>

The Daily Caller – Environmentalists Put Monsanto On Trial For Crimes Against Nature – 12/8/15 - Environmental and anti-GMO groups announced they're putting Monsanto on trial for "crimes against nature and humanity" or "ecocide" in The Hague, Netherlands, according to a Sunday article in an environmentalist publication.. <http://dailycaller.com/2015/12/08/environmentalists-put-monsanto-on-trial-for-crimes-against-nature/>

PBS News Hour – Don't blame grandma yet, but your asthma may be her fault – 12/9/15 - It's natural to wonder if your environment is changing you. It's no secret that smoking and pesticides are bad for your lungs and that exercise is good for your heart. But these things may actually change the function of our genes in ways that can be passed on to our children and grandchildren.
<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/updates/history-of-epigenetics-asthma/>

Coachella Valley Independent – Who killed Keystone? An unusual coalition helped lead to Obama's rejection of the proposed pipeline – 12/8/15 - On Earth Day 2014, a group of farmers, ranchers and Native Americans who live along the route of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline marched and rode horseback through Washington, D.C., wearing cowboy hats and feather headdresses. On the National Mall, they erected tipis and held ceremonies; a couple of days later, they gave a hand-painted tipi to the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, in President Barack Obama's honor.
<http://www.cvindependent.com/index.php/en-US/news/environment/item/2712-who-killed-keystone-an-unusual-coalition-helped-lead-to-obama-s-rejection-of-the-proposed-pipeline>

Bloomberg BNA – Sixth Circuit Hears Oral Arguments on Clean Water Rule – 12/9/15 - Predicting that judicial authority over a rule seeking to refine the reach of the Clean Water Act will ultimately be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit heard oral arguments Dec. 8 on whether it is the appropriate venue to hear challenges to the rule.
<http://www.bna.com/sixth-circuit-hears-n57982064762/>

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